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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director  
Deputy Director for Intelligence  
Deputy Director for Operations  
General Counsel  
Comptroller  
Deputy Director, Intelligence Community Staff  
NIO/Narcotics

FROM:

Deputy Director for Legislation

SUBJECT: Draft Response to Stokes' Narcotics Letter:  
Request for Comments

1. Attached is a 13 December 1988 letter on counter-narcotics issues from Representative Stokes, Chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

2. Also attached for your review and comment is a proposed response for the Director's signature.

3. Please provide your comments to  of this office no later than 6 January 1989.

4. Your cooperation is most appreciated.

Attachments  
as stated

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The Honorable Louis Stokes  
Chairman  
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your 13 December 1988 letter sharing your concerns about counternarcotics issues.

We attach a great deal of importance to the nation's anti-drug effort. For my part, I am committed to providing intelligence assistance of all kinds to that effort.

In the coming months, I expect this assistance to expand and become more focused as the provisions of "Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988", including those creating the "Director of National Drug Control Policy" (D/NDCP - the "drug czar"), are implemented.

While we will be looking to the course charted by the D/NDCP, we are already in the process of reviewing how we can best assist him.

The Central Intelligence Agency is reviewing its efforts and organization in the area. This will put us in the best position possible to extend our cooperation to the D/NDCP when he is confirmed.

On a larger scale, there will likely be a new and expanded role for the Intelligence Community to play. Given the size and diversity of the Community, however, I expect development of this role to be a somewhat longer and more complicated process.

I hope to share with you periodically the status of all our efforts, both in the context of the report your letter mentions and otherwise.

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I appreciate the Committee's offer of assistance. Given the variety and sensitivity of the issues involved, the pressure on our fiscal resources and the competing demands those resources will face, I fully expect that offer to be accepted.

Sincerely yours,

William H. Webster  
Director of Central Intelligence

cc: Honorable Henry Hyde, Ranking Minority Member,  
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

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